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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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For: IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to continued examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.